

Submission Instructions

Deadlines

- **10 September 2007:** theme forums, session proposals, and special meetings
- **28 February 2008:** registration deadline for organizers

Language

- English

How to Send

Theme forums and sessions: follow the instructions at www.iaia.org > Conferences > IAIA08, where you will be asked for the following information:

1. Title of theme forum or session
2. Complete name(s) of submitter(s) and complete contact information for each
3. Name of corresponding submitter
4. Submission (150 words maximum)
5. Key words

Special meetings: contact IAIA HQ for submission information.

Acceptance & Registration

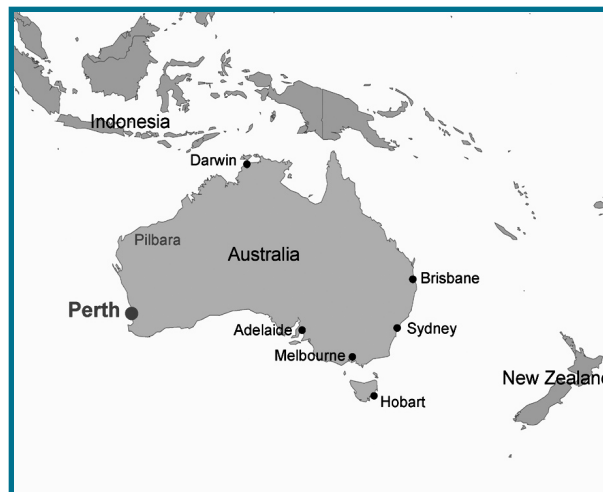
Organizers will receive an immediate confirmation of receipt with successful online submission. The Program Committee will notify session organizers of acceptance status by 15 September 2007.

The organizer of the proposed theme forum or session is required to submit a registration form, with full conference fees paid, by 28 February 2008. Organizers not able to comply with this requirement will be dropped from the program.

REMEMBER: early registration will also save you money! IAIA does not have funds available to pay registration and travel expenses for program participants.

IAIA08 activities will include training courses, special sessions, workshops, technical visits, social events, and more.

The preliminary program and registration materials will be available on the web site and from IAIA HQ in October 2007. Paper and poster submission will also open in October.



Host Organizations



About IAIA

The International Association for Impact Assessment is an interdisciplinary society dedicated to developing international capacity to anticipate, plan, and manage the consequences of development. The Association has over 2,500 members in over 100 countries. IAIA seeks to ensure that political, environmental, social and technological dimensions of decisions are understood by those making them.



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The Art and Science of Impact Assessment

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS
FOR SPECIAL PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS, THEME
FORUMS, AND CONCURRENT SESSIONS

28th Annual Meeting of the

IAIA

International Association for Impact Assessment

4-10 May 2008

Perth Convention Exhibition Centre
Perth, Western Australia

Hosted by the Western Australian Department
of Environment and Conservation, the Federal
Department of the Environment and Water Resources,
Murdoch University, and the Environment Institute
of Australia and New Zealand

Conference Theme

The Art and Science of Impact Assessment

Impact assessment has developed over the past 35 years as a tool for incorporating sound scientific knowledge into decision-making. As practice has evolved and new forms such as SEA have emerged, it has become increasingly apparent that expertise in the biophysical sciences must be complemented by an understanding of social and political processes. Impact assessment is therefore best seen as both science and art, and it is only in this way that it can fulfill its potential as a tool for influencing decision-making processes.

The current trajectory of global development highlights the need for fundamental change in the way in which we think, act and make decisions. This conference will explore questions of the role of impact assessment in promoting societal change towards sustainability, and particularly how the biophysical and the social sciences can be meaningfully alloyed with the art of policy-making to contribute to the change process. This is the challenge that impact assessment practitioners are now called upon to meet.

What works? What doesn't work? What challenges lie over the horizon for impact assessment? We hope that you will come and share with other participants your ideas, your experience, your concerns and your hope for the future on these themes and the topics listed.

Conference Topics

IAIA08 participants will be encouraged to highlight how the various instruments of impact assessment can assist developers, industry, decision-makers, development cooperation providers, and the public to integrate environmental, social, and other concerns in the fields of:

- Climate change
- Energy issues
- Water
- Resource development
- Tourism
- Land use planning, transportation, landscape and aesthetics
- Coastal zone planning and management
- Development cooperation
- Poverty reduction and the Millennium Development Goals
- Environmental impact of trade agreements
- Environmental practice in Australia and New Zealand

Attention will also be given to:

- Governance
- Environmental ethics and law
- Enforcement and compliance
- Effectiveness
- Methods and instruments of impact assessment
- Environmental offsets and compensation
- Capacity building
- Engaging with indigenous people and the role of traditional knowledge in impact assessment

In addition to these topics, papers, posters and workshops are welcome on all aspects of the conference themes and within the scope of other IAIA Section topics.

Proposed technical visits include:

- Mining, Refining and Rehabilitation
- Ecologically Sustainable Forest Management
- Sustainable Tourism and National Park Management
- Diversifying Water Supplies to Accommodate Climate Change

Welcome to Perth, Western Australia

Perth is the capital of the State of Western Australia. Our cosmopolitan city is renowned for its relaxed outdoor lifestyle, its pristine white sand beaches, and its friendly people. Nestled in a picturesque natural amphitheatre, bordered by Kings Park botanical gardens and the beautiful Swan River, visitors find the city to be clean, friendly and easy to get around. Add to this a world-class EIA system, and you just have to come and experience Western Australia for yourself!

Visiting Western Australia

Conference delegates should not miss the opportunity to explore other parts of Western Australia during their visit.

- Fremantle, the charming and outstandingly preserved 19th Century port city, just 30 minutes from Perth
- Wine-growing regions across Western Australia, including the nearby Swan Valley and the world famous Margaret River Region
- Beautiful and relaxing Rottnest Island, just off the coast
- The Pinnacles Desert, with its remarkable limestone pillars
- Shark Bay and the dolphins of Monkey Mia
- The world famous Coral Coast and Ningaloo Reef—come and swim with the Whale Sharks

Or join us for a once-in-a-lifetime experience on a special post-conference technical tour to the extraordinary Pilbara Region of Western Australia. You will spend several days in the real Australian Outback, visit world class mining and gas processing operations, experience eco-tourism at its best in the beautiful Karajini gorges, see ancient aboriginal rock art, and learn about indigenous culture. Numbers strictly limited!

More Information

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